

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 22-24 are pending in this application, claims 19-21 having been cancelled in a Response mailed May 4, 2006. Of these claims, claims 1-18 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Nishida et al. and claims 1-7 and 10-17 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Goebel. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicant is filing an Appeal Brief concurrently herewith to appeal the rejected claims.

Applicant's Petition from Requirement for Restriction mailed on May 4, 2006 has been granted. In Response thereto, Applicant is filing the Amendment above to correct a mistake in independent claim 22. It is believed to be proper that this amendment be entered under 37 CFR §1.116 because it puts this application in better condition for Appeal.

If the Examiner believes that personal contact with Applicant's representative would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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